Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why the Judges have not read it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not possible for the Government to inquire of the Judges why they have not read it—such an important matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not necessary.

Acting hands—statement of.

442. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war list of acting hands (1) thrown out and (2) in service in each of the departments of Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Anthakara thodu—widening of—petition for.

443. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petitions from the people of Nadamel, Thelkumbhagam and other Villages of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, praying for the widening of the "Anthakara Thodu" and opening out the same to the backwaters in the west;

(b) whether any of these petitions have been referred to the Thiruvankulam Firkh Revenue Inspector; and if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of his remarks on the same;

(c) whether any reports on this matter have been received by the Government from the Registrar of Village Panchayats; and if so, will copies of those reports be placed on the table;

(d) what action they have taken so far in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; copies of the remarks have been urgently called for.

(c) Yes; a copy of the report of the Registrar of Village Panchayats, dated 20th September 1931, C. No. 3070/1104, is placed on the table. (*Appendix II*).

(d) The drainage question is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Canal to connect Nadamel market with the western backwaters—petition for opening.

444. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any petitions have been received by them from the people of Nadamel and adjoining villages of the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, praying for the opening of a canal connecting the Nadamel market with the western backwaters so as to

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APPENDIX II.

Report dated 20th September 1931, C. No. 3070/1104 from the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

Subject:—Drainage canal—Nadamel Village.

Reference:—Huzur Endt: on C. No. 622/1106 dated 19th May 1931, P. W. D.

I made personal observations about the flood affected areas during the recent floods and before that. The villages affected in these regions are Tiruvankulam, Nadamel and Thekkumbhagam. The main outlets for the flood water now are the Puthenkulangara thodu in the north and the Karingachira in the south and these outlets being very small about three thousand acres of Cochin lands are affected by the floods in these villages. A drainage canal of sufficient width is, therefore, necessary for the safety of these lands.

2. The effect of the floods is more keenly felt in the regions to the north of the Hill Palace road, chiefly because the ventway of the bridge on this road is not sufficiently large for a free flow of the water to the south. To obviate this difficulty two courses are possible, (1) to open a canal from Karingachira, and Chitrapuzha to the west through the northern side of the Kotemkulangara temple and (2) to open a canal from the southern side of the Hill Palace road through the Andhara thodu and to put up an additional ventway to the bridges on the Hill Palace road. While the former is perhaps less costly, it has been complained that this canal would affect seriously the wet lands in Kadakodam, Perikad, Panamkutti, Thalamittam, etc., Desams. The latter is more costly, but it is likely to have a commercial importance without endangering any agricultural lands.

APPENDIX III—(1)

Letter dated 30th October 1931, C. No. 2872/1106, from the Chief Engineer.

Subject:—Trippunittura market—opening a canal to.

A sketch of the locality is enclosed for reference.

Item 1. Opening a canal from the western river to the market. The market is one of growing importance. The opening of a navigable canal connecting the market and the western river would facilitate cheap and easy transport of articles from Cochin and thus trade would flourish.

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